

HOUSE BILL No. 1263

DIGEST OF HB 1263 (Updated February 12, 2003 12:19 PM - DI 107)

Citations Affected: IC 31-9; IC 31-11.

Synopsis: Authority to solemnize marriages. Authorizes the chaplain of a law enforcement agency to solemnize a marriage.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 13, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary. February 17, 2003, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. IC 31-9-2-74 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 74. "Law enforcement
3	agency", for purposes of IC 31-11-6-1 and IC 31-36, means a
4	governmental agency or department whose principal function is the
5	apprehension of criminal offenders.

SECTION 2. IC 31-11-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.34-1999, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 1. Marriages may be solemnized by any of the following:

- (1) A member of the clergy of a religious organization (even if the cleric does not perform religious functions for an individual congregation), such as a minister of the gospel, a priest, a bishop, an archbishop, or a rabbi, or a chaplain of a law enforcement agency.
- (2) A judge.
- (3) A mayor, within the mayor's county.
- 17 (4) A clerk or a clerk-treasurer of a city or town, within a county

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1	in which the city or town is located.	
2	(5) A clerk of the circuit court.	
3	(6) The Friends Church, in accordance with the rules of the	
4	Friends Church.	
5	(7) The German Baptists, in accordance with the rules of their	
6	society.	
7	(8) The Bahai faith, in accordance with the rules of the Bahai	
8	faith.	
9	(9) The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in	
10	accordance with the rules of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter	
11	Day Saints.	
12	(10) An imam of a masjid (mosque), in accordance with the rules	
13	of the religion of Islam.	



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill 1263, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 31-9-2-74 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 74. "Law enforcement agency", for purposes of **IC 31-11-6-1 and** IC 31-36, means a governmental agency or department whose principal function is the apprehension of criminal offenders.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1263 as introduced.)

LAWSON L, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 8, nays 4.

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